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I come from haunts of coot and hern,
I make a sudden sally
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And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley.

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COME from haunts of coot and hern:
I make a sudden sally,
And sparkle out among the fern
To bicker down a valley.

By thirty hills I hurry down
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorps, a little town,
And half a hundred bridges.

BY thirty hills I hurry down,
Or slip between the ridges,
By twenty thorps, a little town,
And half a hundred bridges,

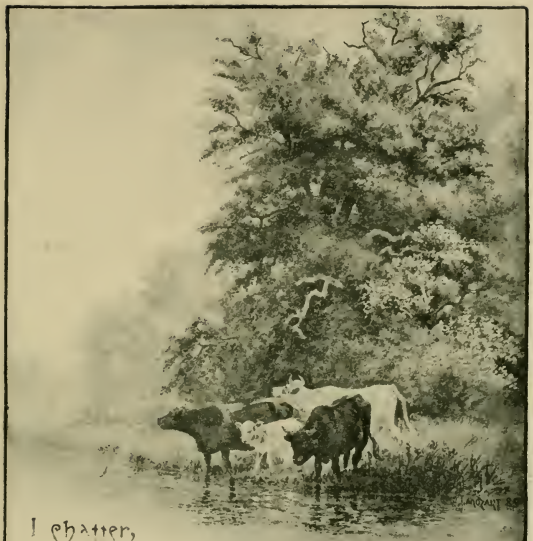
Till last
by Philip's farm I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

'TILL last by Philip's farm I flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I chatter over stony ways
In little sharps and trebles.
I bubble into eddying bays,
I babble on the pebbles.

With many a
curve my banks I fret,
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set
With willow weed and mallow.

WITH many a curve my banks I fret
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy foreland set
With willow-weed and mallow.



I chatter,
chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go
But I go on forever.

I CHATTER, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

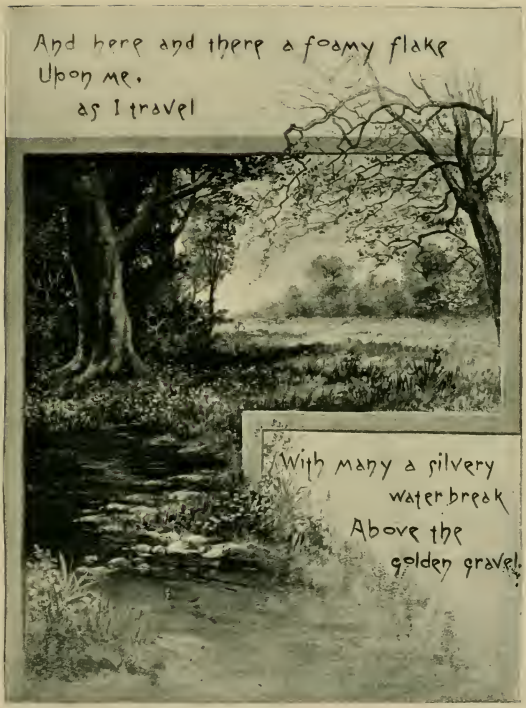
I wind about and in and out,

With here a blossom sailing,

And here and there a lusty trout,

And here and there a grayling.

I WIND about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout
And here and there a grayling,


And here and there a foamy flake
Upon me,
as I travel
With many a silvery
waterbreak
Above the
golden gravel.

AND here and there a foamy flake
Upon me, as I travel
With many a silvery waterbreak
Above the golden gravel,

And draw them all
along, and flow
To join the brimming
river,
For men may come and
men may go,
But I go on for-
ever.

AND draw them all along, and flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots
I slide by hazel covers;
I move
the
sweet
forget-
me-
nots
That grow
for
happy
lovers.

I STEAL by lawns and grassy plots:
I slide by hazel covers;
I move the sweet forget-me-nots
That grow for happy lovers.

I skip, I slide, I gloom,
I glance
Among my
skimming
swallows
I make the netted
sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows

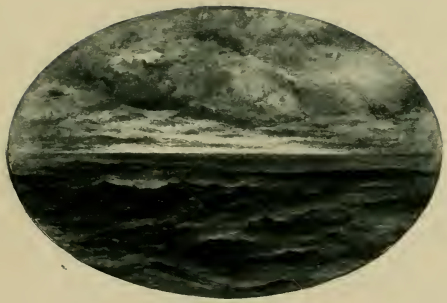
I SLIP, I slide, I gloom, I glance,
Among my skimming swallows;
I make the netted sunbeams dance
Against my sandy shallows;

I murmur
under moon
and stars
In brambly
wildernesses;
I linger by my
shingly bars;
I loiter round
my
cresses:

I MURMUR under moon and stars
In brambly wildernesses;
I linger by my shingly bars;
I loiter round my cresses;

And out again
I curve and flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

AND out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming river;
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.



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